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Lisbon, August 30, N. S.

ON the 19th Inſtant the great Braſil Fleet from Bahia and Pernambuco, conſiſting of 60 Merchant-Ships, under the Convoy of two Men of War, entred this Harbour: Their whole Cargoe is computed at about thirteen hundred thouſand Pounds Sterling, of which above one half is in Specie, Gold-Bars, and Gold-Duſt. His Britannick Majeſty's Ship Loo arrived here the 21ſt from the Mediterranean, and will ſhortly carry from hence a Supply to the Garriſons of Gibraltar and Port Mahon. The Duſſley-Galley and Newcaſtle are in this River; the latter is to ſail for the Downs the Beginning of next Month.

Paris, Sept. 24. On the 21ſt Inſtant the Cardinal du Bois received the Cardinal's Cap from the King's Hands in the Chapel of the Tuilleries, whither he was conducted with great Solemnity by M. de Remont, Introductor of Ambaſſadours. The King's Coach in which the Cardinal went from the Palais Royal to the Louvre, was followed by five Coaches of his own, and 22 Footmen in rich Liveries. The ſame Day the King and the whole Court went into Mourning for the late Great Dutcheſs of Tuſcany. The Duke of St. Simon is named to go Ambaſſadour Extraordinary to Madrid, to demand the Infanta of Spain in Marriage for the moſt Chriſtian King, and to regulate at the ſame time the Ceremonial that is to be obſerved on her coming hither. That Duke's Equipage is preparing with great Diligence, he being to ſet out as ſoon as poſſible. The Archbiſhoprick of Rheims is not yet diſpoſed of, the Biſhop of Frejus, the King's Præceptor, continuing to refuſe it. It is now ſaid, the Biſhop of Laon will be tranſlated to that Archbiſhoprick, and that the Abbot of St. Albin will ſucceed the latter.

Dublin, September 13.

Yeſterday the Parliament of Ireland met. The Duke of Grafton, Lord Lieutenant, went in the uſual State to the Houſe of Peers, and being attended there by the Commons, made the following Speech to both Houſes:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HIS Majeſty, who has always the Welfare and Proſperity of this Kingdom at Heart, has commanded me to take the firſt Opportunity of meeting you in Parliament, in order to concert ſuch Meaſures as may tend to the Accompliſhment of thoſe his moſt earneſt Deſires, being fully perſwaded from your Duty and Loyalty ſo often experienced, that nothing will be wanting on your Part to make his Reign eaſy, and your ſelves a happy People.

His Majeſty, through a moſt tender Concern for all His Subjects, is very ſenſibly affected with any publick Calamities which may have reached, or even threatened this Nation, and is extremely deſirous that the utmoſt Cares ſhould be employed to guard this Kingdom from the diſmal Effects which a neighbouring Country hath felt from a contagious Diſtemper; your Preſervation from which hitherto he looks upon to be owing, under God, to the Prudence and Vigilance of thoſe intruſted with the Adminiſtration of His Affairs; and although your Trade may have ſuffered, and the neceſſary Means uſed for your Security have created ſome extraordinary Expence, yet there is Ground to hope, that in this Seſſion of Parliament ſuch Remedies may be applied, as will reſtore the Nation to a flouriſhing Condition. As an Inſtance of His Majeſty's Readineſs to contribute all in his Power to ſo deſireable an End, he has been graciouſly pleaſed, upon the Application of ſeveral conſiderable Perſons of this Kingdom, to direct that a Commiſſion be paſſed under the Great Seal of Ireland, for receiving voluntary Subſcriptions in order to eſtabliſh a Bank: As this is a Matter of a general and National Concern, His Majeſty leaves it to the Wiſdom of Parliament to conſider what Advantages the Publick may receive by erecting a Bank, and in what Manner it may be ſettled upon a ſafe Foundation, ſo as to be beneficial to the Kingdom.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I ſhall order the ſeveral Accounts and Eſtimates to be laid before you. What I have in Command from His Majeſty to ask, will be ſuch neceſſary Supplies as may ſupport the Eſtabliſhment, and ſecure the Peace of the Kingdom. I am to acquaint you, that ſince by the unwearied Endeavours of His Majeſty, the Peace Abroad draws near to a happy Concluſion, two Regiments are returning to this Kingdom, which, during the Rupture with Spain, were thought neceſſary to remain in England, to be in Readineſs for ſuch Service as the Exigence of Affairs, or the Deſigns of the Enemy, might require.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Whatever Hopes the Diſaffected may conceive from unhappy Diviſions amongſt our ſelves, I doubt not but you will fruſtrate and defeat them by your prudent Conduct and perfect Unanimity, which cannot but contribute to the Security of our moſt excellent Church, as by Law eſtabliſhed, and to the ſtrengthening the Proteſtant Intereſt at Home, which will make the deepeſt Impreſſion upon His Majeſty who has been ſo indefatigable in the Maintenance of it Abroad.

I cannot but eſteem it the higheſt Mark of His Majeſty's Royal Goodneſs to me, in ſending me again into this Kingdom, where I have formerly had the Honour to ſerve him. I have always with the greateſt Satisfaction remembered the many Inſtances of your Affections. I ſhall endeavour to deſerve the Continuance of them, by promoting, to the utmoſt of my Power, the Publick Good, and I ſhall never fail to do you Juſtice by a faithful Report of your Actions to His Majeſty.

Reſolutions of the Houſe of Lords for an Addreſs to His Majeſty upon his Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Speech.

RESOLVED, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Majeſty to thank him for His gracious Acceptance of the Expreſſions of the Duty and Loyalty of this Houſe in former Seſſions of Parliament, and for the tender Concern he hath for the Welfare of this Kingdom, and for His Readineſs to concur with His Parliament in applying ſuch Remedies as may reſtore it to a more flouriſhing Condition, and for His Approbation of the Care and Succeſsful Endeavours of thoſe intruſted with the Adminiſtration of His Affairs, in preſerving the Nation from the Peſtilence which hath ſo miſerably ravaged a neighbouring Kingdom.

And to thank His Majeſty for His Goodneſs in leaving it to the Choice of His Parliament to have a Bank in this Kingdom; and to aſſure His Majeſty,

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